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Reply To: OCE-084

Captain Richard R. Kauffman, M.S.  
Senior Regional Representative  
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)  
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 1910  
Seattle, Washington 98101

Re: Request for ATSDR Assistance

Dear Captain Kauffman:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requests ATSDR's assistance in evaluating the health issues raised by Oregon residents and organizations concerned about health impacts from aerial pesticide applications on forestlands. You have received copies of a petition from The Pitchfork Rebellion (Day Owen, January 25, 2010) to Lisa Jackson, EPA Administrator (Docket # EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0265), an email from Amy Pincus Merwin to me (May 14, 2010), a 1978 EPA Alsea Study, and a 1979 Scientific Critique of the EPA Alsea Study. We would like your assistance in determining the best approach to addressing these health concerns, which may include gathering exposure data, evaluating the information, and educating the community about the results.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at (206) 553-0682 or [downey.scott@epa.gov](mailto:downey.scott@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott E. Downey".

Scott E. Downey, Manager  
Pesticides and Toxics Unit